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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING SYNC MARK IN A DISK DRIVE

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Sir:

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The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto, and is relied upon for a statement of relevance for this reference.

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